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1. AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR A VISIT TO WET GERMANY AND YUGOSLAVIA, COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BRIGADIER

## SEPH GARBA SUPPORTED THE

ANGOL-AMERICAN INITIATIVES ON RHODESIA. HE STATED THE FMG HAD STUDIED THE PROPOSAL IN DETAIL AND BELIEVED IT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF AFRICAN DEMANDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. "THE DOCUMENT FOR INSTANCE DID NOT SAY WE MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STOP FIGHTING UNTIL AND WHEN THE NEW
COMMISSIONER TAKES OVER AND UNITED NATIONS FORCES HAVE BEEN
PUT IN PLACE AFTER DISMANTLING IAN SMITH'S ILLEGAL
FORCES. NIGERIA IS BIG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO TAKE INDEPENDENT
ACTION OR ACKNOWLEDGE FACTS WHERE THEY ARE LAID DOWN. WE
CANNOT JUST GO ON PICKING HOLES IN EVERYTHING THAT IS
PROPOSED." HE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR ANYONE

TO THROW OUT THE PROPOSAL WITHOUT GIVING IT A CHANCE AND ADDED, "WHAT WE ARE NOW WORRIED ABOUT IS (WHETHER)...THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITH ALL THE SINCERITY AND COMMITMENT WITH WHICH IT WAS PREPARED."

2. COMMENTING ON HIS TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA AND WESTERN GERMANY HE SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM AND CIEC ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT NIGERIA WAS IN THE GROUP OF 19 AND THAT "WE ARE GOING TO EXPRESS OUR FEELINGS ON THE ISSUE." WYMAN

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